









### Vessels Advertised as Loading

## Post-Office Notifications.

*A mail will close.*

The Mail for Saigon, per *Isabelle Henriette*, will close at 11.30 a.m. to-day, the 13th instant, instead of at the time previously notified.

For Manila.—Per *at. Manila*, at 2.30 p.m. to-day, the 13th instant.

For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta, to-morrow the 14th instant, at 4.30 p.m.

For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.—Per Indian Mail Packet *Thales*, on Thursday, the 19th instant, at 1.30 p.m.

For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.—Per Indian Mail Packet *China*, on Thursday, the 19th instant, at 1.30 p.m.

It is hereby notified that henceforward the rates of postage which must be paid in advance for the transmission of all printed matter of all patterns of light weight sent from Hongkong to the United Kingdom by the United States Packets via San Francisco, will be as follows:

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| For a packet not exceeding 1 ounce      | 2 cents |
| in weight.....                          | 2 cents |
| For a packet above 1 ounce not ex-      | 3 cents |
| ceeding 2 ounces.....                   | 3 cents |
| For a packet above 2 ounces not ex-     | 4 cents |
| ceeding 4 ounces.....                   | 4 cents |
| and for a packet above 4 ounces not ex- | 5 cents |
| ceeding 5 ounces.....                   | 5 cents |

These rates apply to Printed Circulars, Fire Lists, Market Reports, and all printed papers other than Newspapers, as well as to Books and Trade Letters.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 12th April, 1870.

It is hereby notified for general information that, under the provisions of the Treasury Warrant dated the 7th December last, the scale of Progression of Weight having half-an-ounce for the unit, has been extended to all Letters forwarded by the United States Packets to Ports in China and Japan, and to Letters addressed to Manila, Batavia, Saigon, Penang, Ceylon, Hongkong, Calcutta, Rangoon, Madras, Calcutta, Ceylon, India, Suez, Malta and the Ionian Islands, Gibraltar, and Spain and Portugal—viz Gibraltar.

Letters addressed to these places will, therefore, advance by a single rate of postage for each half ounce.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 12th April, 1870.

It is hereby notified for general information, that the rates of postage, which must be paid in advance on correspondence transmitted from Hongkong or any of the Postal Agencies in China and Japan to the United Kingdom, Private Ship, will in future be as follows, viz.:

For Letters, Twelve cents per half ounce.

For Newspapers, Two cents each.

For BOOK PACKETS AND PATTERNS: Not exceeding 1 oz., 2 cents.

Above 1 oz., and not exceeding 2 ozs., 4 cents.

Above 2 ozs., and not exceeding 4 ozs., 6 cents.

For every additional 4 ozs., 8 cents.

Unpaid or insufficiently paid Letters will be charged with a fine of Twelve cents in addition to the deficient postage.

Unpaid Books and Patterns will be charged at the rate of Twelve cents per four ounces.

Insufficiently paid Books and Patterns will be charged with a fine of deficient postage and fine of Six cents each.

The Registration fee on Letters, &c., is one cent.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General  
General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 20th October, 1870.

**LETTERS, &c., ADDRESSED "LONDON ONLY."**

Many persons are in the habit of addressing Letters, &c., to "London" firms and individuals in "London" only; but this practice not infrequently occasions delay in such Letters &c. reaching their rightful owners. In consequence thereof, the Postmaster General, for whom a letter is intended may be known is most essential, to ensure its correct & prompt delivery, that the streets in which the residence, and the number of the house, be formed a part of the address.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General  
General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 31st January, 1870.

It is hereby notified for general information, that hereafterward the rates of Postage, which must be paid in advance, chargeable upon Book and Pattern Packets posted at Hongkong, and at any of the British Postal Agencies in China and Japan, will be forwarded by the British Contract Mail Packets to the Australian Colonies and New Zealand, will be as follows, viz.:

For a Packet not exceeding 1 ounce :—  
in weight, 2 cents.

For a Packet above 1 ounce and not exceeding 2 ounces, 4 cents.

For a Packet above 2 ounces and not exceeding 4 ounces, 6 cents.

For a Packet above 4 ounces and not exceeding 8 ounces, 8 cents.

For a Packet above 8 ounces and not exceeding 16 ounces, 16 cents.

and so on, adding 8 cents for every additional ounces or fraction thereof.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General  
General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 18th June, 1870.

It is hereby notified for general information, that the Postage (which must be paid in advance) upon letters addressed to Prince of Wales Island, will hereafterward be as follows, viz.:

When forwarded via—  
Brindisi, 45 cents each half-ounce.

When forwarded via—  
Marseilles, 36 cents each half-ounce.

When forwarded via—  
Southampton, 28 cents each half-ounce.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 26th July, 1870.

It is hereby notified that in consequence of the increasing difficulties which attend the transmission of the Mails for the United Kingdom through France, it has been determined to send these Mails for the present, by way of Brindisi, the Brenner Pass, Prussia and Austria.

The value of postage, which must be paid in advance, upon correspondence whether mailed via Marcellisa or via Brindisi, will be as follows, viz. —

**FOR LETTERS.**  
Addressed to —  
The United Kingdom, 38 cents. for half-ounce.  
The United States of America, 42 cents. for each half-ounce.  
FOR NEWSPAPERS AND PRICES CURRENTS, &c. —  
The United Kingdom, 8 cents. for each sheet.  
The United States of America, 10 cents. for each sheet.  
FOR BOOK PACKETS AND PACKETS OF PARTS —  
The United Kingdom, under 1 ounce in weight, 4 cents; above 1 ounce and not exceeding 2 ounces, 8 cents; above 2 ounces and not exceeding 4 ounces, 12 cents; for every 4 ounces, 4 cents.  
The United States of America, 18 cents. for every four ounces.

**W. W. MITCHELL,**  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1870.

It is hereby notified for general information that, under the provisions of an Act of the Convention concluded with the United States of America, a further direction has taken place in the postage on Letters between the United Kingdom and the United States, which have been extended to Letters forwarded directly to the United States.

The postage chargeable on Letters post to Hongkong, or to any of the British Colonies, is not affected by the above direction. Letters addressed to be forwarded by either the British or French Packet, will henceforth be charged as follows, viz. —  
Letters forwarded via Brindisi, 42 cents. for each half-ounce.  
When forwarded via Marcellisa, 38 cents. for each half-ounce.  
Letters forwarded via Southampton, 25 cents. for each half-ounce.

Prepayment of the postage is compulsory. **F. W. MITCHELL,**  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 14th February, 1870.



